

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PC1/FR 99/01828

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 92 11874 A (BAYLOR COLLEGE MEDICINE) 23 July 1992 (1992-07-23) claim 1 ---	1-6
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 7 - 10
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 7-10

Claims 7 to 10 concern the use of an agent defined by reference to a desired property, namely an agent inducing the metabolic path of the p53 gene. The claims cover the use of all agent having said characteristic or property, whereas the application provides a support basis as defined by PCT Article 6 and/or a disclosure as defined by PCT Article 5 for none of said agents. In the present case, the claims are lacking in support and the application is lacking in disclosure to such an extent that it is not possible to carry out any significant search on the whole spectrum covered by the claims. Notwithstanding the reasons evoked above, the claims also lack clarity. Indeed, there has been an attempt to define the agent by the result to be achieved. In the present context, such lack of clarity is likewise such that it is not possible to carry out any significant search on the whole spectrum covered by the claims. Consequently, no search report can be established for Claims 7 to 10.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, concerning inventions in respect of which no search report has been established need not be the subject of a preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 66.1 (e)). The applicant is warned that the guideline adopted by the EPO acting in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority is not to proceed with a preliminary examination of a subject matter unless a search has been carried out thereon. This position will remain unchanged, notwithstanding that the claims have or have not been modified, either after receiving the search report, or during any procedure under Chapter II.

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